NEW YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Administration Opinions of the Situation.

The Charges Against Collector Arthur-An Explanation Regarding the Manner in which they were Sent to the Senate-Neglect of Duty-Increased Expenditures-Decreased Receipts.

ferration circles it appears that the press and the public have been misled regarding some material facts in the New York custom-house squabble. These explanations are made still further to the effect that the Senate Commerce Committee did not make a request of any kind upon the President or Secretary Sherman for the reasons why Collector Arthur had keen suspended. If such a request had been made, however informally, it would, in a spirit of proper courtesy, have been replied to by Secretary Sherman, who is as cognizant of the parliamentary requirements of official pro-The New York Custom-House Squabble.

Arthur and Cornell are reinstated by virtue of the rejection of the pending nominees or the adjournment of the Senate and the lapse of their present suspension, they will be suspended again on the 5th of March next, or as soon as the present session of Congress expires. Such a suspension would have the effect to displace them from office until the expiration of their respective. terms. Under such circumstances, it is argued. Mr. Conkling cannot expect to secure the ef-fective reinstatement of the gentleman whose championship he has assumed, and in the meantime he runs the risk of having a set of nominees sent in who would undoubtedly be confirmed by the next (Democratic) Senate. The further argument is advanced that Gen-eral Merritt, whose nomination to be surveyor of the port was unanimously confirmed, has

he was yet in the Senate."

FREE SHIPS.

Argument Before the House Commerce Com-

mittee Yesterday.
The House Committee on Commerce yesterday heard arguments on the bill heretofore in-troduced by Representative Harrison, of Illi-nois, which proposes to amend the Revised Statutes so as to allow the purchase and reg-istry of foreign ships by elizeur of the Leviser. istry of foreign ships by citizens of the United

Mr. Codman, of New York, briefly address d the committee in favor of the bill, and was Revenue receipts vesterally were from in-followed by Representative Hale, of Maine, ternal revenue, \$387,100; from customs, he preserved, but in some cases it may and

itself; but if the navigation laws were repealed we would let in hundreds of British ships which now lie idle and glut the market. "Do this," said he, "and you root out the entire ship-building interest and send to other vocations thousands of the best skilled me-chanics in the world; and if you do it you will obtain little benefit, as the money would not go into American peckets. Let European not go into American peckets. Let European not go into American pockets. Let European complications result in a war, in which Great Britain would be surely worsted, and the British commercial marine would be transferred to the hands of agents, factors, and pur-clusers in our large cities, who represent Brit-tah houses, and, while the sale would be non-inal, every dollar earned under the pro-tection of our laws would go into the pockets of British owners, and the golden op-

complish in this struggle is what puzzles the seating the Vessel Owners' Association of Philadministration. The argument from that adelphia; Calkin, of New York, and Goodall, standpoint is to the effect that if Messrs, of California, spoke in opposition to the bill. of California, spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Cramp, of Philadelphia, was also present. The Committee on Commerce will resultering on Tuesday next.

Nominations.

The President sent the following nominalons to the Senate yesterday : District of Columbia.

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POSTMASTERS.

New York—Charles St. John, Jr., Port Jervis; John L. Bissell, Waterville, West Virginia—Charles J. W. Kunst, Grafton Ohio—F. S. Goodson, Belleville, Indiana—Thos, M. Robertson, Brazil; J. S. Eiler, Muncle, Illinois—Samuel B. Webster, Montforlo; Gallus Kutz, Jr., Highland; N. H. Pratt, Kewance; J. M. Neely, DuQuoin; Andrew Wilson, Sparta; Gilbert Rossiter, Lake Forest; Samrei Bucknell, National Stock Yards; James H. Andersell, National Stock Yards; James H. Andersell.

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felt in packing about beliers was discussed, and reports from the saveral district inspectors were read, showing it to be the unanimous edules that felt used in tirls way is not injuri-

Capitol and Departmental Notes. Subscriptions to the 4 per cent, lake yester-day amounted to \$2,115,500.

DEMOCRATIC DESPOTISM.

Continuation of the Story of Murder and Outrage.

Testimony Before the Teller Committee Yes terday-The Simple Story of Persecuted Men-The Pate of Charlle Bethel-Morder Openly Threatened and Roldly Carried Out-Victims Pointed Cut.

The sample of th

fifth ballot for United States Semator in the selved prolonged appliance, Republican caucus hat night stood: Hawley, 72; Piatt, 73; Jewell, 8; Harrison, 2. O. H. Phatt, of Meriden, was nominated on the thirty-seventh ballot. He is a prominent lawyer,

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 .- The New York Senate Alexander P. Hagner, of Maryland, to be an speciate Justice of the Supreme Court of the that on Tuesday, January 21 at page a United that on Tuesday, January 21, at noon, a United tates Senator shall be voted for in place of Hon, Roscoe Conkling. Also another resolution for a joint meeting with the Assembly on Wednesday, January 23, at moon, for the cleation of a United States Senator.

Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17.-The Republican been, and is yet, known as a "Conkling man," and therefore cannot be objectionable to Mr. Conkling. The inference drawn from this is that Mr. Conkling is influenced by personal considerations only, in which his warm attachment for Mesers. Arthur and Cornell, it is charged, has induced him to sacrifice the general interests of the Republican party, as well as jeopardize the best interests of the public as jeopardize the best interests of the public service.

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Nasseviele, Jan. 17.—The message of Gov- tenant Wallace on cross-examination, but A bill was agreed upon by the House Judi- ernor Marks to the Legislature to day says that the pending nominations should be rejected, the Senate will undoubtedly be called upon to pass upon the nominations of the United States, and to provide for the publication and distribution of said reports. It requires the mechanical work to be done by the Covernment Printer, the place and style to correspond with Wallace's Reports. Three bouried copies are to be delivered to the Secretary Shorman, it is understood, is both to accept as truthful the report that Senator. Counting, in the executive session last Wednesday, alluded to him, or characterized blue, as the President's "clerk," or to the President as the President's "clerk," or to the President as the President's "clerk," or to the President as being 10 per cention above for costs of printing and binding. Two themsend copies at time when the Sinte was not all his great rheterical powers and acknowled at the state of the Enand of Supervising Inspectors' Recting.

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nations of Europe has become necessary, and bary, was blown up yesterday, and Liztie Wall, Revenue receipts vesterelay were—from infollowed by Representative Hale, of Maine,
in opposition to it. He took the ground that
there was no demand for the repeal of the
navigation laws, and that nobody appeared
here for that purpose except Mr. Cadman, of
New York, who represented British ships,
The American ship-building interest, he
said, had struggled against the competition of cheaper built foreign ships
for eighteen years, and at last had
reached a point when it could build better
ships than the rest of the world could supply,
and at as cheap rates. This interest should be
given a few years of this condition to prove

vice except during war, riot, or insurrection; that each State shall be entitled to receive aid under the act for 700 uniformed commissioned officers and men for each Congressional Representative. A long argument was had as to the numbers, of rank, and duties of staff officers, and whether the system should be controlled by the Legislature or a general committee.

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There was also a debate as to the fulle of the organization, whether it should be called militia or State or national guards.

General Beauregard opposed having it called either State or national gaard. In Louisians, he said, there were two military bodies—one known as special militia and the other national guard. If there was to be a militia, then let

More Louisiana Atrocities.

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ICE GORGE IN THE JAMES.

Unsuccessful Efforts to Blow It Up. RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 17.-The reports from the gorge this evening are rather encouraging. The Old Dominion Company's stemuship Wyanoke has been gradually working her passage through for two days, and at last accounts had nearly reached Graveyard Reach. The lower and of the gorge is between that point and Richmond. There is another but significant baccier a few miles below, at Varina, which will doubtless readily succumb of the bank, which attracted a crowd. This to the attack of the Wysnoke. Efforts to open a passage through the gorge with nitro-glycer-began to be whispered about that the bank to the attack of the Wyanoke. Enough to be attack of the Wyanoke. Buorts to be a passage through the gorge with nitro-glycer- began to be whispered about that the management of the morning was in trouble, and the crowd increased. A but resulted in nothing, the ice not offering genuine run on the bank was begun, and the street ever since has been blocked with and the street ever since has been blocked with sufficient resistance to be greatly affected by the explosion. The bark Pepita and the schooner Oakes Auces are still fast in the ice near Gravevard Reach. If the efforts to open the channel are successful tugs will try to get them clear. The ice blockare in the Ohio River being removed, the Chesapeake and Ohio

quiry to Gay heard further evidence of Lieu-

nothing new was developed. with Reno at the time of the masserte. He testified that on the evening of the 2th of June, with two scouts, Half Verious Face and Blood Kuifo, he rode at the lead of the foral Conster's column to the top of a kural, and saw not less than 2,800 Indians. The order given Reno was: "Go forward, ned when you must the Indians charge, and I will support you." He joined the Reno force. He described at some length the character of the ground and the directions taken by the various columns.

Sparsofferd, Mass., Jan. 17. John F. Arnold, of North Adams, the Butler candidate

aged twenty; Ann. Woll, aged accontemn, and Nullie McNulty, aged seventeen, were killed, Mrs. Alexander Keer and Peter Delan were slightly injured. The accident was caused by of the machinery. The low

Progress of the Southern Pacific Hailroad. Special dispatch to the Republican.)
END OF TRACK S. P. R. R., ARIZONA, Jan. 17.

Two thousand feet of track laid yesterday. J. H. STROBRIDGE, Chief of Construction.

MORNING NEWS BY CABLE.

Political Dissensions in the French Government.

Controversy Over the Spoils-The Outs Want the Offices-A Change in the Cabinet Probable-Gambetta's Schemes -Accident to the Steamship Constitution - A Singular Bank Panie, &c.

The French Crisis.

LONDON, Jan. 17.-The Paris correspondent of the Standard telegraphs as follows: "Although the prevailing opinion is that the days of the Dufaure Cabinet are numbered, I still retain a strong impression that the storm will blow over. It is reported that M. Gambetta intends to get up a ministry of nobodies under Senator Duclercq, who would be laughed at throughout the country. I'do not believe he

will persevere in such a foolish policy." The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says cur-rent rumors point to the retirement of all the Mi nisters, except MM. Say and de Marcore.

and the reconstruction of the Cabinet, and says Cambetta will probably abstain from verbei

LONDON, Jan. 18,-The Times' Paris disputch says the French revenue returns for the year ending December 31, 1878, show that indirect taxes yielded 2,025.770,000 frames, being an in-

crease of 77,672,400 frames. EANE PANIC IN LONDON.
LONDON, Jan. 17.—An enormous crowd has assembled in Lombard street, and great excitement prevails over a reported run on the bank of the London and County Banking Com pany. It is stated that the origin of the report was in a dispute about a cab fare in front people. A corps of pollermon is keeping order. There is no unusual excitement inside of the bank, though the number of people present is considerably more than usual. The bank has a good many branches in the suburbs of London, and possibly the rumor spreading to these may expressed as a drain on the easily as to bring Railroad has resumed running all through may create such a drain on the cash as to bring the concern into difficulty.

AFFAIRS IN APGHANISTAN.

Lieutenant Lee next called the noted ladian confirm the reports of the disorganization of their army. There had been slight marging in the reports of the disorganization of their army. with Renout the time of the masserve. He disturbances in the Khojiik Pass, but the ma-

of Europe, with the view of extending the col-lection of Peter's pence in all countries of the

outh for examination. She has suffered no oreal man in that State

vessel's cargo had been previously discharged into lighters.

SPANISH DOMICILIARY VISITS.

MADRID, Jan. 17.—The constitutional newspapers loudly complain that domiciliary visits were unde on Thursday night to the houses of three friends and partisans of Marshal Serrano and search unde for a seditions pamphlet, which, however, was not discovered. The affair has caused some sensation.

MINOR FOREION MATTERS.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A Vienna dispatch to the Mandard states that it is not true, as has been asserted, that Austria has consented to a prolongation of the Russian occupation of Eastern

asserted, that Austria has consented to a pro-longation of the Russian occupation of Eastern Rosmetia.

Thomas W. Rooker & Co., Glamorganshire iron masters, bave failed. They owe the Bris-tel and West-of-England Bank £500,090.

The Council of the Royal Colonial Institute is considering the desirability of arranging an exhibition in Londau of the products and man-ufactures of the colonies.

has paid out of his own pocket \$400,000 in pa-per currency, to be distributed among the va-rious charitable societies on the King's Saint toward Courch and east in the direction of

rious charinable societies on the King's Saint Day, the 22I instant.

DISTRICT MATTERS IN CONGRESS.

Revision of Special Assessments—Improvement of the River Front.

The House Committee on the District yesterday gave a hearing to a delegation of citizens comprising Messrs. J. S. Klingle, Columbus Alexander, William Dickson, S. J. Fague, T. Campbell, W. H. Clagett, J. L. Barbour, and Judge Bell, on the subject of revision of assessments, in relation to the powers of the Commissioners under the assessment bill now in force. The committee after the hearing appointed Messrs. Hunton, Bouck, Mayhew, and Hendee a sub-committee to take the subject into consideration. The sub-committee decided to hold an opon session to-day, at ten of clock, at which all taxpayers interested in the subject of assessments will be accorded a liearing.

The House Committee agreed yesterday to The Rouse Message and the force and the floor gave way with a crash, and the floor gave way with a crash.

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INCHESTED THE TRANSPORT REVENUES.

THE TRANSPORT REVENUES. guished lawyer there, and in due course be-came a member of the bar of the State of Ma-ryland. During his professional career in Ma-ryland he has been engaged in several cases of great public interest, among them the cele-form of the progress made in the South and West during the last two years, great public interest, among them the cele-brated Wharton poisoning case, in all of which he has conducted himself so as to win considerable distinction. The Government placed in his hands, as judge advocate, a recent case be-fore a court-martial in San Francisco, Califor-nic, which he conducted with such distinguished ability as to win the applianse of all also knew anything of the services rendered. During his career in Maryland Mr. Hagner has been twice nominated for Congress in the district in which be has lived, once by the

district in which he has lived, once by the Whigs in the days aste bellum, and once by the Republicans since the war. He was defeated in both cases, more by the exigencies of polities than any other cause, and it is conceiled to the control of the conceiled to the conceiled to the control of the conceiled to the conceiled to the control of the conceiled to the conceiled to the control of the conceiled to the conceiled to the conceiled to the conceiled to the conceiled the conceiled to the conce that his personal popularity has always been of the most enviable character. His nomination is an excellent one, and the people of the District are to be congratulated

people of the District upon his appointment.

Pocket Picked at the Capital.

A lady on cutering the Capitol yesterday had her pocket-book and handkerchief taken The Reno Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The Reno court of inquiry to Gay heard further evidence of Lieutemant Wallace on cross-examination, but bothing may was developed.

APPAINS IN APGHANISTAN.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 16.—An official dispatch says that the Kohistani chiefs attempted to create a disturbance and plunder Cabul, but Yakoob Khan induced them to withdraw. The Gillery of the satisfies are urging Yakoob Khan to make robbery. When she reached the gallery she from her pocket as she was assisting her robbery. When she reached the gallery she found the contents of her pocket gone. solice were notified, and arrested two white suspected of being thieves, but who had dissuspected of being thiever, but who had disappeared. These boys gave their names as samuel Brown, jr., residing at No. 1213 Ninth street, and George Williams, 1922 L. street. In the possession of one of them was found a ladies' mother-of-pearl card case, which he said a companion had given him, and which is now in the hands of Captain Blackford, awaiting a claimant. There being no evidence on which the boys could be held they, were released. St. Martin's Statement.

LONDON, Jan. 17,—The United States published by yesterday's NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, states that he has declined to make any A National Milita Law Advocated.

New York, Jan. 17.—At the convention of national militia to day Adjutant-General Barney, of Rhode island, occupied the chair, fadige Hilton spoke briefly. He said the convention little know how deeply the people are interested in this militia unovement. We realize that organization like these of the nations of Europe has become necessary, and lan, states that he has declined to make any

Payment of Ante-Bellum Mail Contractors. was drawing twenty-four feet of water for-ward and thirty-two feet aft. Two gans, an-chors, &c., which were taken our to lighten the vessel, have been brought to Poole.

Representative Singleton, of Mississippi, has introduced in the House a bill to provide for the payment of the claims of Sauthern for the payment of the claims of Southern turned, the vessel, have been brought to Poole.

The Constitution went ashore at one o'clock in the morning, and continued firing minute guns until three o'clock. The first attempt to low her off was made at one o'clock in the afternoon, but was made at one o'clock in the afternoon, but was mancessful, and success was finally attained by the combined efforts of six tugs. A rope from one of the tugs was fastured to the mainmant head of the Constitution, so as to give her a list. A quantity of the

vessel's cargo had been previously discharged ANOTHER NEW YORK FIRE.

Large Business Houses Burned Out Last Night.

Two Million and a Half in Property Destroyed-A Fearful Conflagration at One. Time Threatened-Narrow Escape of Fire Department Officers. A List of the Principal Losers by the Fire,

Four Buildings in Worth Street Burned. NEW YORK, Jan. 17, 9 p. m.—A fire broke at at eight p. m. in the wholesale cloth house of Van Valkenburg & Leavitt, 62 Worth street and rapidly enveloped the entire building. ufactures of the colonies.

Bertin, Jan. 17.—The Post says Prince BisThe two adjoining buildings, No. 64, occupied march has deciared privately that he was indifferent as to the fate of the parliamentary
discipline bill, which he said he proposed solely
in the interest of the Reichstag itself.

HAVANA, Jan. 17.—The efficial newspaper of
Havana says Captain-General Martines Campos
has paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in hehas paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in hehas paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in hehas paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in hehas paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in hehas paid out of his own packet \$400,000 in heand the flames have crossed the street to No.

appears to be extending on Worth street west toward Church and east in the direction of

and of the work done among 800,000 railrose men, 60,000 college students, and 560,000 Ger man youths.

Coal Mining to He Resumed. POTTSVILLE, PA., Jan. 17 .- Work in the Continental Colliery, lately purchased by the Lahigh Valley Railroad, will probably be resamed by the 1st of February. This colliery has been flooded since the heavy December storms. The mon employed in the North Asi-land Colliery, at Contralla, operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Com-pany, were paid to-day. No further strikes have been reported.

Murderer Indicted.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17 .- The grand jucy in the case of Henry Feltus, editor of the Bloomington (Ind.) Couries, charged with the mur-der of Mr. Regers, county attorney, on New Year's evening, while the parties were intexticated, have indicted Mr. Feltus for nursler in the second degree. He is held in \$5,000 ball for trial on the 25th instant.

Pireman's Funeral,

New York, Jan 17.—The funeral of John Reilly, of Eugine Company No. 17, who was crushed to death at the Broadway fire, drew a Jarga crowd at the Church of St. Rosa de Lima this morning. A solution required mass was sing over the remains, and Pather Bronoun made an onlogistic address. The body was escorted to Calvary Cemetery by a delegation d his comrades.

Machinery Hall to be Sold.

Physical Phys. Jan. 17,-06 Saturday, Febmary 8, the large building known as Machinery. Hall, on Contennial grounds, Palymount Pack lection of Peter's pence in all countries of the world.

THE UNITED STATES STEAMER CONSTITUTION ASHORE.

St. Martin's Statement.

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The Remains of Mark Butes.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17. The family of the late Mark Rates, the actor, have telegraphed William Genemell, Chestnut Street Theatre, to nd his remains to Berton. The funeral services will be held in this city formerrow morning at the conclusion of which the remains will be conveyed to Boaton, accompanied by a committee of Philadelphia actors.

One More Gathered in. HILLYLDERE, N. J., Jan. 17.-Ex Steward rome was to-day declared "not guilty" of suberaling \$300, Dr. Mattison having acinowledged to taking the mency. Ex-County Collector Test was next called to answer to a charge of furgery, having raised a county order from \$3 to \$33. A verdlet of "guilty" was re-